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**In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [0020], as follows:

FIG. 1a shows the preferred exemplary mechanical embodiment of the invention. It is comprised of two general parts, a base member 1, shown by itself in FIG. 1b, and an extendable member 2, shown by itself in FIG. 1c.

Please amend paragraph [0031], as follows:

A third embodiment is yet another apparatus that implements the present novel method of finding the center of a circle. This embodiment, shown in FIG. 3, consists of a base member 29, a rack and pinion slide 30, racks 31 and 32, pivot post 33, and pinion gear 34. The base member 29 contains a longitudinal slot and a hole that accommodates pivot post 33 about which it may rotate freely. The longitudinal outer surfaces on either side of the slot of the base member 29 are relatively smooth and parallel allowing the rack and pinion slide 30 to move freely in the longitudinal direction. The rack and pinion slide 30 has a hole, post, or other means to accommodate the pinion gear and has grooves, rails, or other means to accommodate and hold the racks in proper relationship. The hole, post, or other means of accommodating the pinion gear 34 has a hole in the center, is transparent, or has some other means to indicate or mark the center of the circle and is center indicating point 35. The ends of the racks have holes, are transparent, or have other means to be circle edge locators 36, 37, 38, and 39. These circle edge locators are equidistant from the line that runs through the circle center locator 35 and is perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the base member 29. To operate the

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third embodiment of the invention, the circle edge locators  
36, 37, 38, and 39 are aligned with edges of the circle.

Simultaneously therewith, the pivot post 33, having a  
passageway formed therethrough (as illustrated in FIG. 3) is  
aligned with an edge of the circle. Thereafter, the circle  
center locator 35 indicates the center of the circle.